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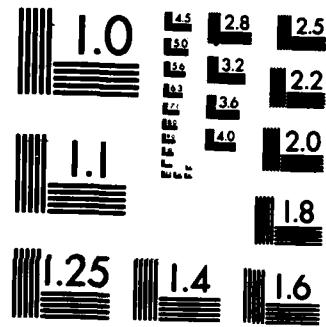
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VII. ABSTRACT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This report describes research at the MIRP at the University of Massachusetts which has as one of its principal aims the development of electroactive polymers with ultrastructural domains. This research program also incorporates investigations in polymer blends, epoxy plasticization, characterization of rigid rod polymers and other areas. The ultrastructure portion consists of a coordinated research effort with Profs. R. Lenz and H. Winter into the synthesis of electrically conducting block copolymers, the structuring of such materials by novel techniques, and the characterization of the polymers produced. Recent advances in this area are described below.

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VIII. DESCRIPTION OF RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHED

The research performed during the contract period is divided into several categories as indicated below. A large fraction of the results have been published or are in press. Thus, whenever possible the descriptive matter in this section has been condensed by referring to the appropriate publication(s) which are listed in Section IX.

A. Polymer Blends

Several major advances were achieved during the past year. In particular we wish to cite the theoretical progress in the area of compatibilization of homopolymer-copolymer systems. For some years we have been studying systems containing poly(2,6-dimethyl phenylene oxide) and partially (or totally) halogenated polystyrene. Some seemingly peculiar features were observed: for example it was found that PPO and poly-o-chlorostyrene, and PPO and poly-p-chlorostyrene were incompatible, whereas random copolymers of the two isomers were readily miscible with PPO. This observation has now been rationalized and, moreover, the resulting theory can be used to predict similar effects in other systems and to calculate interaction parameters. We have also completed a study of the effect of tacticity on polymer blends using the model syndiotactic and isotactic polymethyl methacrylate system. The effect of pressure on this blend is novel in several respects. Crystallization of isotactic polystyrene in PPO-PS blends has also been investigated in detail and we have thereby discovered techniques of separating thermodynamic and kinetic effects, (1*,2,8,13,14,15,21,25,26).

*These numbers correspond to publications listed in section IX.

B. Network Polymers

Our original hypothesis regarding the effect of water on epoxies (i.e. that the massive T_g depression observed could be explained on a thermodynamic basis without invoking special interations) has now been extensively verified in a number of network polymer-diluent systems. In the last year we have investigated epoxy-water compositions more thoroughly with systematic variations in network density and chemical structure. We have also extended the concept to physically crosslinked systems (i.e. semi-crystalline polymers) with very good agreement. By using deuterium oxide (heavy water) as a diluent we have made the system amenable to investigation by quadrupole NMR techniques and this has yielded valuable new insights, (7,12,16,24).

C. Ultrastructured Conducting Polymers

The goal of this investigation has been to prepare block or graft copolymers which will form two distinct phases in the solid state, and in which one of the phases will be electrically conducting and the other not. To achieve this objective, the block or graft copolymers must be initially, at least, fusible or soluble so that well controlled and well characterized two-phase systems can be formed, and the phase structure must be maintained after doping one of the polymers to form the conducting phase.

One of the polymers for the conducting phase, which was selected for our initial study, was poly-2-vinylpyridine, PVP, which can be doped with either iodine or TCNB. This polymer can be obtained as a "living polymer" by anionic initiators, so AB block copolymers were prepared with both polystyrene, PS, and

polybutadiene, PB, as the A blocks, which form the insulating phase and PVP as the B block for the conducting phase, as follows:

<u>Sample</u>	<u>A Block</u>	<u>PVP B Block Weight %</u>	<u>Calculated Molecular Weight</u>		<u>M_w/M_n Observed</u>
			<u>Total</u>	<u>PVP B Block</u>	
I	PB	40	70,000	28,000	1.1
II	PB	60	52,000	31,000	1.2
III	PS	36	65,000	26,000	1.2

The three diblock copolymers prepared, as described above, could be solution cast into films that contained well developed two phase systems, which could be clearly seen by electron microscopy after selectively obtaining either the phase with osmium tetroxide, OsO_4 , or the PVP phase with iodine or methyl iodide. In Polymer I PVP forms the continuous phase because the film was cast from a good solvent for this polymer. On annealing above the T_g of PVP, phase inversion occurs and the PB phase becomes the matrix while the PVP phase becomes the spherical domains. Hence, considerable control can be achieved over the phase morphology by the manner in which the film is obtained as well as by variation of polymer composition.

A second polymer under investigation, which has the potential of developing on doping conductivities as high as those of doped polyacetylenes, is polyphenylene vinylene, PPV. In all previous investigations described in the literature, this polymer has not been prepared in sufficiently high enough molecular weights from doped films for conductivity studies. However, we have

investigated a new polymerization reaction by which we have been able to obtain strong films of the polymer by solution casting and reacting a precursor polymer. These films could be doped with iodine to form a metallic-like appearance; the conversion of the precursor film to the PPV film has been quantitatively achieved, and relatively high conductivities were obtained.

D. Extensional Flow Processing

A new technique has been developed for subjecting small polymeric samples to well defined extensional strains. The sample is introduced between two metal plates which are coated with a lubricant fluid. The sample is squeezed (thickness $H(t)$) when the metal plates are driven together at a prescribed rate. The lubricant reduces the shear stresses in the sample to a level which is negligibly small. The resulting strain is called equibiaxial or planar extension, depending whether the shape of the plates is circular or rectangular. The instrument allows for measuring the squeezing force as well as the squeezing rate. Transient equibiaxial extensional viscosities as measured in this new device have been obtained. It should be mentioned here that this is the first time that such an extensional viscosity has ever been measured for a molten polymer. The technique has been proposed and tested in a simple bench experiment by Chataei, Macosko, and Winter (1982) for PDMS gums at room temperature. During the last year, the technique was developed further and is now capable of stretching at high temperatures and at prescribed rates.

E. Other Investigations

In the contract period some twenty seven publications were published as a result of AFOSR support (see next section). Several other research areas have proved fruitful and we shall summarize these below.

1. Composites with covalently bonded interfaces, (5,6,18).
2. Conformational transitions in ordered systems, (10,19,20).
3. Theoretical studies of fluids, (4,9,17,22).
4. Characterization of polymers, (3,11,23,27).

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"Solid State Properties of Polymer Blends"
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"Dynamic Mechanical Behavior of Filled Polyethylenes and Model Composites".
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"Morphology of CaCO₃-Filled Polyethylenes".
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